Safaliba language

Safaliba is a Gur language of Ghana.

A recent project has developed a writing system for the language in order to enable its use in adult education and early school instruction. The Safaliba writing system is based on the work (1996) of Edmund Kuŋi Yakubu, a Safaliba teacher and activist[3]; a few changes in that system were made by Paul and Jennifer Schaefer, based on their phonological work, but the writing system for the most part stayed the same. [4] Safaliba audio recordings have been documented, transcribed, and discussed in Sherris, Schaefer, and Aworo (2018). [5]

An introduction to Safaliba for adult beginners can be found at this link: https://jarasahara.tumblr.com/

A social media page on Safaliba literacy activism in Mandari, Ghana, can be found at this link: https://www.facebook.com/SafalibaLiteracy/

Safaliba	
Native to	Ghana
Native speakers	4,000 (2003)[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo ▪ Atlantic–Congo ▪ Gur ▪ Northern ▪ Oti–Volta ▪ Moré–Dagbani ▪ Moré ▪ **Safaliba**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	saf
Glottolog	safa1243 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/safa1243)[2]

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Safaliba Drumming

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